



**GOVERNOR'S  
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Secretary Scott Hassett  
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Dear Secretary Hassett:

At the direction of the Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables, I am writing to you as chair of the Task Force to request your attention to a specific issue.

Governor Doyle recently signed into law 2003 Wisconsin Act 118, the Job Creation Act. As you are aware, this Act establishes new deadlines for the processing of air and water permits. As your agency promulgates rules for this Act in the coming months, we ask that you give specific consideration to the treatment of small-scale environmentally friendly electric generation projects, such as landfill gas and manure digestors. Without compromising environmental regulations, we ask that you develop a standard approach for reviewing these projects.

State energy policy prioritizes environmentally sound energy generation from renewable resources to the extent cost-effective and technically feasible. These projects are innovative solutions to meeting Wisconsin's demand for electricity while utilizing non-polluting organic resources here in the state. They are small in size and have minimal impact on the environment; they should be subject to an efficient, standardized permitting process by the DNR.

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We ask that as your agency promulgates rules for the Job Creation Act, you give specific consideration to the treatment of these small-scale energy projects. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Cullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" being more prominent than the last name "Cullen".

Lee Cullen, Chair  
Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables